

Freeman-Williams House
CE-1045
Near Chesapeake City
Private

C. 1850

The small grist and saw mill community on Back Creek used to contain more than a dozen structures, however the Freeman-Williams house is the only 19th century reminder other than the mill pond and race. The story and a half frame house is one of a dozen buildings that William Freeman owned in 1877. The mill and above house are evident in old photographs of the community.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Freeman-Williams House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Telegraph Road 1 1/2 miles north of Cayots Corner Road

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Albert Williams

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2923 Old Telegraph Road

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21921

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: WAS 51

Folio #: 256

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CE-1045

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Freeman-Williams house c. 1850 is a 1½ story three bay by one room frame house with shed addition on the west end. This house is the only structure that remains from the small Mill Community of Back Creek.

The story and a half frame rests on a fully excavated fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with asbestos siding over weatherboard. A medium sloped roof has a composition tile covering. The rear slope continues unbroken to cover the back shed addition.

The main facade is three bays across with a central entrance that is flanked by two 6/6 sash windows the trim is plain. The beaded board door is framed by a plain surround also. A shed porch covers the three openings and is supported by quare posts. The eaves to the roof are slightly ended with the front soffit being sloped.

The south side has an exposed cellar entrance a first floor 6/6 sash and a 2/2 attic light. The shed addition also has windows on the end with a 6/6 first floor window sash and a four pane light for the loft above the kitchen.

The north end has not as many openings. An interior end brick stove stack rises out of the end with two four pane attic lights on either side.

The back of the house has a centrally located entrance with partially glazed door and a single 6/6 sash window to the north. A modern block stove stack was attached to the north end of the shed to heat it.

The interior of this structure was not seen but enough features point to a second to third quarter of the 19th century date. The only other possibility would be that an early structure has been completely redone in the 19th century and only a basic frame remains.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This frame structure was once part of the Freeman Mill complex that is located on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas (1877) and also appears in old photographs of the area. A number of other structures were here also but have been removed. All that is left of the mill is its race.

The 1½ story house form was undoubtedly used in earlier settlement and this later example shows how the house type was not discarded after years of established settlement.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Cecil County Committee

5/20/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Elkton

Maryland

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FREEMAN - WILLIAMS House CE-1045

WEST ELEVATION

BATIC CREEK

NEAR

CHESTERHURST CITY, MD.

10/29 PIST NEG MHT



FREEMAN - WILLIAMS HOUSE

CE-1045

EAST ELEVATION

BACK CREEK

Near CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD.

CE 12

10/79

PBT

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